Sheet 1 of 1 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTY, DOCKET NO. SERIAL NO. PTO-1449 PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 10/675,354 20474.CIP APPLICANT Jung-nam im et al FEB FOF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT THE DENNE GROUP **FILING DATE** 09/29/2003 3763 **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** DOCUMENT FILING DATE **EXAMINER** NUMBER CLASS **SUBCLASS** IF APPROPRIATE INITIALS DATE NAME CG 4,470,941 09-11-1984 KURTZ, Leonard D. AA 11-4-1986 ΑB 4,620,542 MENEZES, Edgar et al AC 5,451,461 09-19-1995 BROYER, Ephraim ΑD 5,456,696 10-10-1995 LIU, Cheng-Kung ΑE 5,578,046 11-26-1996 LIU, Cheng-Kung et al ΑF 5,626,611 05-06-1997 LIU, Cheng-Kung et al 5,641,501 06-24-1997 COOPER, Kevin et al AG 12-07-1999 ΑH 5,997,568 LIU, Cheng-Kung 6,090,910 07-18-2000 ΑI SHINODA, Hosei et al 07-25-2000 ΑJ 6,093,200 LIU, Cheng-Kung et al ΑK 6,162,537 12-19-2000 MARTIN, Donald H. et al 02-06-2001 FISCHER, Jerome A. et al ΑL 6,183,499 AM 6,191,236 02-20-2001 ROBY, Mark S. et al 6,197,043 03-06-2001 DAVIDSON, James A. AN 6,235,869 05-22-2001 ROBY, Mark S. ct al A<sub>0</sub> ΑP 6,315,788 11-13-2001 ROBY, Mark S. ΑO 6,342,065 01-29-2002 SHALABY, W. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT TRANSLATION YES NO NUMBER COUNTRY CLASS **SUBCLASS** DATE CG KOREA Yes (Abstract) OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Pertinent Pages, Etc. CG AS Rao S.Bezwada et al; Monocryl® Suture, A New Ultra-Pliable Absorbable Monofilament Suture, Biomaterials 1995, 16:1141-1148 AT E.J.C. Van Rijssel et al; Tissue Reaction and Surgical Knots: The Effect of Suture Size, Knot Configuration, and Knot Volume, Obstet Gynecol 1989; 74:64-8; J. B. Trimbos; Security of Various Knots Commonly Used in Surgical Practice, Obstet Gynecol 1984, 64:274-80 ΑU E.J.C. Van Rijssel et al; Mechanical Performance of Square Knots and Sliding Knots in Surgery: A Comparative Study, Am J Obstet Gynecol 1990; 162:93-7

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

/Christina Gettman/

**EXAMINER** 

**DATE CONSIDERED** 

10/12/2006

PATTER	FEB 1 7 2004	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY. DOCKET NO. 20474.CIP	SERIAL NO. 10/675,354		
	LIST OF PRIOR ART C	OR ART CITED BY APPLICANT	APPLICANT JUNG-NAM IM, et al			
	RADEMARK		FILING DATE 09/29/2003	GROUP 3763		

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
			NUMBER DATE NAME	NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS	NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUBCLASS

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
CG	Al	PCT/GB99/02154 WO 00/01426	13 Jan 2000	GB			
	A2	PCT/US97/20177 WO 98/20190	14 May 1998	US			
	A3	EP 0 786 259 A2	30 July 1997	EP			
	A4	0 668 083 A1	23 Aug 1995	EP			
	A5	PCT/US99/24404 WO 00/22991	27 April 2000	us			
	A6	0 499 204 A1	19 Aug 1992	EP			
	A7	PCT/US99/00252 WO 99/34750	15 July 1999	US			
V	A8	EP 1 216 718 A1	26 June 2002	EP			

<del></del>	OTHER PRIOR ART (Including	Author, Title, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
EXAMINER	/Christina Gettman/	DATE CONSIDERED 10/12/2006

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication with applicant.